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**Testimony of JANIS DAVIS, NORWICH, CT**

***in opposition to***

**Section 14 of H.B. No. 6846 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET  
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAMS.**

Senator Moore, Representative Abercrombie and Members of the Human Services Committee, my name is Janis Davis. I am here today to testify in opposition to Section 14 of HB6846 which would prohibit residential care homes from receiving fair rent and cap residential care home rates.

Residential Care Homes are a low-cost alternative to nursing homes. Unfortunately, over the last few years reimbursement rates have been largely frozen or minimally adjusted. As a result, costs continue to outpace the expense of providing the quality of care that the vulnerable, elderly patients served by my program, Sheltering Arms. Sheltering Arms provides a home-like environment, medication administration, personal care assistance, all meals, recreation, mental stimulation, social interaction and a myriad other benefits. Our clients need assistance and supervision. They cannot live on their own.

As a result of years of inadequate funding, we have had to keep expenses to the bare minimum. This compromises continuity of care for clients, especially those with cognitive impairments. The future of our program is in jeopardy. Costs, such as food, supplies, insurance, payroll, continue to rise. We have nothing left to cut to continue filling the gap between cost and reimbursement.

I hope you will reconsider this proposal. It will ultimately cost the state more as clients better served by programs like ours end up with nursing homes as their only option.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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